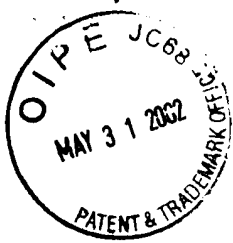


06-04-02

1724



PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Miller et al

Docket No.: IL-10091

Serial No. : 09/394,159

Art Unit: 1724

Filed : 9/13/1999

Examiner: I. Cintins

For : Solid Phase Microextraction Device Using Aerogel

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING UNDER 37 CFR 1.8(a)

I hereby certify that the *attached* correspondence comprising:

1. Amendment (5 pages)  
Version with Markings to Show Changes Made (1 pg)
2. Return Postcard

is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to:

Box: Non-Fee Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

on

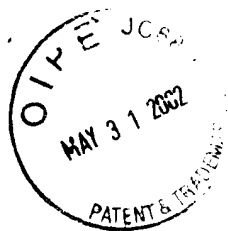
5/31/02

Teresa Walls

(Type or print name of person mailing paper)

(Signature of person mailing paper)

RECEIVED  
JUN 6 2002  
TC 1700



PATENT

# 13 / D  
2F  
6/11/2

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant :	Miller et al	Docket No. :	IL-10091
Serial No. :	09/394,159	Art Unit :	1724
Filed :	09/13/99	Examiner :	I. Cintins
For :	Solid Phase Microextraction Device Using Aerogel		

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

RECEIVED  
JUN 6 2002  
TC 1/00AMENDMENT

In response to the May 15, 2002, Office Action please amend the application as follows.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph beginning at line 24, page 2 with the following paragraph.

An object of the present invention is to provide a solid phase microextraction (SPME) device using aerogel and xerogel materials coated on a support structure, such as a stainless steel or Kovar® wire or glass fiber. It is further an object to provide a device that can be manufactured easily and quickly absorb or adsorb sample fluids – i.e., gases and liquids. Another object is to provide a sample collection medium using aerogel and/or xerogel materials to absorb either a wide range of analytes or selectively